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White AND Red Clover, Redtop, Bluegrass, Bermuda and Alfalfa Seed at Darrough's.

HITS MCCURTAIN.

Fus Fixico Takes Little Stock In Statehood Movement.

SLAPS PORTER, TOO.

His Letter This Week Full of the Finest Satire—The William Allen White of the Indian Territory—A Bit of Indian Philosophy.

A few more letters to the Indian journal, and Fus Fixico may, with propriety, be termed the William Allen White of Indian Territory. In his last he says:

"Well, so Choctaw Chief, Make a big statehood out of it, Rhode Island. So he was his private secretary get his pencil out and fix up long about it and send it to Chief Porter and Chief Hulbutta and Chief Pullington. Maybe so that was take four cents to send and was make them chief think it was had a new treaty from Secretary Hitchcock.

Make Certain he was in that letter: 'Well, so I thought about statehood so much about I can't sleep good hardly, like I was had toothache, maybe so young baby that was had in the night. So I think it was good, scheme to kill lots of old men and hold big council and talk about it long time, like many snake. When we meet that way I think it was all right to have lots a light horsemen, so white man be 'traid to monkey around in brush where we was holding council.'

"Guess so, Chief Porter and Chief Hulbutta and Chief Pullington was all give big grunt when they read that letter and say it was all right, like good whisky. But, like I was say all time, blood injin was not want any more but deeds, but like big man at Washington and big men in Creek nation was hold a down so he couldn't get it and he was had to take it out in due time.

"So I was not worry about being delegate to statehood council, 'cause they was nothing to it now, like Loyal Creek claim. So I think big man in statehood council was just want office, like governor, or maybe so, send him to Washington, and make big promise, like old Handy Jackson, and he lie like everything, like a yaller dog and no squirrel in the tree. So, I think big injin chiefs was just want full-blood to turn grindstone so they could whet they old bone ax on it, like Charley Gibson say when he was shot his rifle off. But Fus Fixico was not much good hand to turn grindstone no how. He was druther had Hotgun turn it."

PYROTECHNIC PROGRAM

For The Great World's Fair Dedication Ceremonies.

Work has begun on the vast system of frameworks for the great fire-works displays on the occasion of the World's Fair dedication ceremonies at St. Louis, April 30th next. Magnificent as have been former displays of fire-works at famous jubilees and celebrations in Europe and America, these programs will far surpass former efforts. The displays of the set pieces are nearly half a mile long and 100 feet high. Many tons of explosives and chemical

ingredients for producing the different colors of fire are necessary in the manufacture of these novel features. The balloons to be used in one feature of the display are so large as to require three days for their inflation. Expert aeronauts are in charge of this number of the long program. One central balloon, much larger than the rest, will discharge the initial volley from a position 1000 feet from the ground and will be followed by salutes from fourteen other balloons ranged on each side over a stretch of more than a quarter of a mile. Bombs and rockets will be set off by thousands and the sky will be brilliant with new things in fire works. The provides for two evenings of fire-works, a grand stand seating 30,000 people now being under construction from which to view the spectacle.

Acceptances have been received from President Roosevelt, former President Cleveland, the president's cabinet, the diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, governors of states and other distinguished men. The first day, April 30 is dedication day, May 1, is diplomatic day, and May 2 governors' day. The military parade on April 30 will be composed of 15,000 to 20,000 troops and the civic parade on May 2 will be equally large if not larger.

HUSBAND A BOARDER.

Denison Couple Find an Amusing Solution of the Matrimonial Problem After Divorce.

Here is a case without a parallel. The man and the woman were married a number of years ago, both are now past the 40th mile post on life's highway. Just about two years ago the couple who had lived together for years and had accumulated considerable property, decided to separate over some trivial matter. The woman sued for a divorce and it was granted. In the division of the property, which followed, the home in Denison came into the possession of the husband. Now the wife took a notion that she didn't want to move out of the home and so she made a proposition to her divorced husband that he should rent the property to her. The husband agreed on the condition that she rent him room in the house and allow him to board with her. The divorced wife agreed. The arrangement has proven satisfactory. She pays her former husband \$12.50 a month rent. He pays his former wife \$15 for board and room and they get along fine so the neighbors say.—Denison Herald.

GIGANTIC MERGER.

Consolidation of Rock Island, Frisco and Santa Fe.

There will be a meeting held tomorrow in New York of the Rock Island, Frisco and Santa Fe officials looking to the consolidation of those great railroads. Such a union would form the greatest railroad system in the world, and would have a total mileage of more than twenty-one thousand miles.

The Frisco and Rock Island merger has been in the air for several weeks but the official announcement has been held back pending the deal whereby the Santa Fe would come in. The Rock Island has been the aggressor in forcing the great merger.

Never Out of Season

There is no time in the year when Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is not a benefit to mankind. It cures constipation and indigestion, and cures diarrhoea caused by bad condition of the digestive organs. In all sizes at People's drug store.

THE PRESS MEETING.

Announcement and Program of the Coming Annual Convention.

K. W. Whitmore, the efficient secretary of the Indian Territory Press Association is out with the following announcement and program:

Checotah, I. T., Feb. 25, 1903. To the Members of the Indian Territory Press Association:

Gentlemen—You of course are aware of the fact that the next meeting of the Indian Territory Press Association convenes in Muskogee on Thursday, April 23 for a three days' session. The executive committee fixed the time and place last February, and promised the people of Muskogee that the largest attendance in the history of the Association would be present. Now, I want to urge upon every newspaper man in the Indian Territory to be present at this meeting, and let's get our Association in advance of others in the various states and territories. If you are not already a member join at once.

The following program has been arranged and will be carried out:

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

8 p.m.—Meet in Chamber of Commerce.

Invocation.

Address of Welcome—Mayor of Muskogee.

Response—Sidney Suggs, of the Ardmore Ardmoreite.

Informal Reception.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

9 a.m.—President's Address.

Paper—Indian Territory and the World's Fair, Frank C. Hubbard, Muskogee.

Business Meeting.

1 p.m.—The Mission of the Press, J. S. Russell, South McAlester Capital.

The Country Correspondence, F. S. E. Amos, Vinita Leader.

What Does the Press Need in the Way of Legislation? A. L. Kates, Claremore Progress.

Is the Weekly Newspaper Worth a Dollar? D. M. Marrs, Vinita Chieftain.

The Foreign Advertiser, F. M. Dunham, Sulphur Journal.

The Woman Reader, N. R. Webster, Muskogee Times.

8 p.m.—How Does Cash in Advance Subscription Work? Sidney Suggs, Ardmoreite.

What is Judicious Advertising? O. O. Musselman, Okmulgee Democrat.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

9 a.m.—Gratis Advertising Abuse, G. A. Crockett, Caddo Herald.

The Editorial Page, W. H. Walker, Purcell Register.

How to Figure on Job Work and Advertising, I. W. Singleton, Holdenville Times.

Newspapers and Politics, Clarence B. Douglas, Muskogee Phoenix.

Query Box, Hy Jennings, Claremore Messenger.

Election of Officers.

Mr. Theo. W. Gulick, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of that city informs me that extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of our members and has asked that I inform him as soon as possible the number I am expecting to be present.

Regarding transportation: In the past I have found that the various railroad companies prefer dealing direct with the individual, rather than sending transportation to the secretary, therefore each member who desires to attend can make application for transportation over the various roads they will have to travel, send said applications to me and I will then forward to the passenger department certifying that they are bona fide newspaper men and asking that transportation be issued. The passenger agent will then be requested to take the matter up with the individual-direct and send transportation in time for use on this occasion. In the event you prefer to write direct to him it will possibly be better.

If there is anything further you wish to know about the meeting, write me at once. We want to go to Muskogee 200 strong. Assist in making the number by attending yourself. Fraternally,

K. W. WHITMORE, Secretary.

UNIQUE AGREEMENT.

Thirty Citizens of Elm Grove Covenant to Keep Hogs From Running at Large.

There was filed in the United States clerk's office at this place one day this week an unique document. It is an agreement between the citizens of Elm Grove, Cherokee nation, covenanting with each other to keep all hogs belonging to the parties from running at large. The document does not state that the signers of the document are the entire population of the area in which they live but it was the evident intention that such should be the case. One of the parties at interest insisted upon having it filed by the clerk and he did so, yet what effect the filing can have on the question does not appear. The signers appear to think they are complying with a requirement which will give something of the force of the law to the desires of the citizens of that community. It is more than likely some of the people came from a section where there is some sort of option on the enforcement of a stock law. Whether the agreement sticks or not (and it would seem good as between the signers) it suggests one of the ways a great many things might be done in this country where so many matters have been overlooked by the law. And an agreement between neighbors is certainly a better plan than the resort to force which too often occurs.—Phoenix.

Big Cabin.

Elder Speer preached in Big Cabin Sunday evening.

Mr. Foster went to Colorado Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Trout visited relative in Chelsea last week.

We are pleased to say there is but little sickness in our vicinity just now.

Mrs. and Mrs. Boog Harrison spent Sunday night with their daughter, Mrs. Byrd Ballenger.

A. S. Walker and a Mr. Morris are rapidly selling out, and will soon leave for Idaho.

Elder Walker, of the Christian church will preach in Big Cabin next Lord's day.

Prayer meeting was very poorly attended last Wednesday, we hope to see a better attendance this week.

Miss Emma Stewart, primary teacher of Adair, spent Sunday with Miss Cora Reed.

Mrs. L. S. Robinson spent last week with her parents in Vinita and incidentally selected allotments while there.

Mr. Ballenger has sold his residence to W. J. Gambill late of Welch. Mr. Ballenger will move to the country and Mr. Gambill will move his family here from Welch soon.

Meers, Asa Simerson and C. Taylor did the work on the school building. Mr. H. Meery did the painting.

Dr. McDaniel had a call from one of his former patrons, a Mr. Gray, who lives five miles east of Brown's ferry. He went Sunday returning Monday.

There is a good opening in Big Cabin for a furniture store, also a millinery shop. When we get these, an artesian well and sidewalks we will really imagine ourselves in town. Watch Big Cabin.

A certain editor unknown to fame states in his country paper that he has been told that a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. "In looking over our subscription books," says the same editor, "we are led to believe that some awful good women in this section are not getting the attention they deserve."

—Ardmoreite.

W. J. Watts' Official Staff.

Headquarters Cherokee Brigade U. C. V., Adjutant General's office, Muldrow, I. T., March 16, 1903. To the Confederate Veterans and Sons of the Cherokee Nation:

As your commander I hereby announce my official staff for the ensuing year:

John W. Weaver, Adjutant General and Chief of staff, with rank as Lieutenant Colonel.

Chas. A. Fargo, Muldrow, I. T., Assistant Adj. General.

James M. Keys, Chouteau, I. T., Inspector General.

M. W. Couch, Chelsea, I. T., Assistant Inspector Gen.

Z. T. Craven, Hanson, I. T., Quartermaster General.

F. E. Brady, Bennett, I. T., Assistant Quartermaster general.

J. L. Smith, Tahlequah, I. T., Commissary General.

Robert Hanks, Webbers Falls, Assistant Commissary Gen.

John G. Schimpf, Judge Advocate General Claremore.

W. W. Wheeler, Assistant Judge Advocate General, Sallisaw.

Dr. F. T. D. Cherry, Sallisaw, I. T., Surgeon Gen.

Dr. S. R. Bates, Muldrow, I. T., 1st, Assistant Surgeon Gen.

Dr. G. A. McBride, Fort Gibson I. T., 2nd, Asst. Surgeon Gen.

All with rank of Major.

R. A. Tuell, Stillwell, I. T., Banneret, rank first lieutenant.

Chas. Jones, Assistant Banneret, Webbers Falls, I. T., rank of first lieutenant.

Gideon Morgan, Tahlequah, I. T.; A. S. Hagood, Fort Gibson, I. T.; Jess W. Watts, Sallisaw, I. T.; Aldes de Camp with rank of Captain.

Miss Mary T. Morris, Tahlequah, Brigade Sponsor.

Maids of Honor: Miss Martha L. Morgan Tahlequah, Miss Bonnie Arrington, Sallisaw.

All of the above appointments will date from March 15, 1903, to March 15, 1904, and will be respected accordingly. It is ordered that you and each of you hold yourselves in readiness for a grand march upon New Orleans, La., May 19. It is my order that each one appear in the grand parade in full uniform. Those who have not been supplied will write Levy Bros., Louisville Ky., for catalog and price list of uniform.

Every Camp and community in the Cherokee Nation is respectfully urged to send a strong delegation to the Reunion. Each camp will elect one or more Maids of Honor to represent the Camp, and if possible furnish me at an early date with one or two photographs of Lady Sponsor and also of the Maids of Honor with brief sketch of themselves and parents, which will be used in souvenir edition published at New Orleans during the Reunion. By order of

J. S. WATTS,

Com. Cherokee Brigade, U. C. V.

Attest:

JOHN W. WEAVER,

Adjutant General.

FIRST DEED ISSUED.

Chief Buffington Signs First Title To Real Estate in Cherokee Nation.

Saturday afternoon Chief Buffington added his autograph to the first deed to a townlot in Vinita, which is the first individual title ever given to land belonging to the Cherokee people. The conveyance was made to Mrs. Annie Parker, wife of Mayor Edmund F. Parker, jr.

You Have Seen.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, advertised for months, but have you ever tried it? If not, you do not know what an ideal stomach remedy it is. A good remedy will show you its great merits as a cure for constipation, indigestion and all stomachache. At People's drug store.

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS.

Delegates Selected Monday Night From the Different Wards.

The democrats who insist on party lines being drawn held ward conventions last night and selected five delegates from each ward to the general convention that will be held this evening at the opera house.

The attendance was not large, a great many democrats staid away on account of being opposed to party lines in the city election.

The most interest centered about the election of a city marshal, and the opposing candidates were L. P. Isbell and Sam Ridenhour. As the matter now stands Ridenhour seems to have a clinch on the nomination.

J. S. Davenport will perhaps be the unanimous choice of the convention for the office of mayor.

The delegates are as follows:

First ward: W. P. Farley, W. P. Phillips, W. P. Thompson, Sam Frazier, Frank Billingslea.

Second ward: Heber Skinner, Felix Cowan Jim Sherer, Lewis Martin, Marma Daniel.

Third ward: John T. Gunter, Ren Couch, Bob Knight, Morris Knight, A. L. Gex.

Fourth ward: J. C. Helms, T. P. McGlasson, Hugh Reamer, DeWitt Brewer, George Davis.

TICKET NOMINATED.

Vinita Democrats Meet and Nominate Full Ticket.

The democratic contingent or rather the bunch that claims to be the democratic party in Vinita met at the opera house Tuesday night and nominated a city ticket. The convention was composed of five delegates from each of the four wards. Following is the ticket:

Mayor—Jas. S. Davenport.

Recorder—L. J. Barrett.

Treasurer—Lewis Martin.

Aldermen—

First Ward—E. N. Ratcliff, Geo. Nidiffer.

Second Ward—Dr. A. M. Clinkscapes, Davis Hill.

Third Ward—L. B. Bell, C. O. Berry.

Fourth Ward—Ed Lee, George Hendrix.

Rev. C. D. Larrabee, of Nowata, is here today. Mr. Larrabee is pastor of the Methodist-Presbyterian church at Nowata. The two congregations have tried the novel experiment of federation. The Methodists own the church building but the two congregations have gone together, formed articles of confederation, employing the same pastor. The understanding is that Methodist and Presbyterian preachers shall alternate, the Methodists having the preacher this year. But the articles provide that whenever the pastor is satisfactory the fact that it is the other church's turn to have a preacher shall not cause his removal. The experiment will be watched with interest all over the country, and if it works it may be a solution for towns which try to maintain several churches when they really have strength enough for one.—South McAlester News.

Dreadful Attack of Whooping Cough.

Mrs. Ellen Harrison, of 300 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo., writes as follows: "Our two children had a severe attack of whooping cough, one of them in the paroxysm of coughing would often faint and bleed at the nose. We tried everything we heard of without getting relief. We then called in our family doctor who prescribed Foley's Honey and Tar. With the very first dose they began to improve and we feel that it has saved their lives. Refresh yourselves, send for a bottle of it at once."